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	Examiner THJUAN K. ADDY	Art Unit 2614	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 8-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4 and 8-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on October 17, 2008 has been entered. No claims have been amended. Claims 2, 5-7, and 21-30 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-20 are now pending in this application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the applications" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
4. Claim 11 recites the limitation "the failure" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
6. Claims 3, 4, and 8-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. Claims 14, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 11-13 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Guevara et al. (US 6,519,324).
9. In regards to claim 11, Guevara discloses a method comprising: establishing communication between an input/output device (e.g., device in which an emergency call is made from) and a first processor (e.g., processor located within the first operator

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station) to execute a first task (e.g., providing assistance in regards to the emergency call); and in response to the detection (via a switching system) of an attempt to make an emergency call and the failure of the first processor to respond to said attempt within a period of time, providing said communications to a second processor (e.g., processor located within the second/alternate operator station) so that the second processor executes the first task in place of the first processor (See Abstract and col. 2 lines 3-18).

10. In regards to claim 12, Guevara discloses the method, including selectively coupling keypad entries to a second processor when a first processor fails to respond (See col. 2 lines 3-18 and col. 2 lines 47-53).

11. In regards to claim 13, Guevara discloses the method, including coupling keypad entries directly to the first processor except when the first processor fails to respond (See col. 2 lines 3-18).

12. In regards to claim 15, Guevara discloses the method, wherein detecting an event includes detecting the failure of a first processor to respond (See col. 2 lines 3-18).

13. In regards to claim 16, Guevara discloses the method, including detecting the failure of the first processor to respond within a predetermined amount of time (See Abstract and col. 2 lines 3-18).

14. In regards to claim 17, Guevara discloses the method, including coupling said second processor to said first processor and coupling said first processor directly to a keypad and a display (See col. 2 lines 43-53).

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15. In regards to claim 18, Guevara discloses the method, including selectively coupling said display and said keypad directly to said second processor (See col. 2 lines 3-18 and col. 2 lines 43-53).

Response to Arguments

16. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lohrbach (US 4,901,314) teaches a failsoft radio control console. Korpi et al. (US 6,785,223) teach a system and method for restarting of signaling entities in H.323-based realtime communication networks.

18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THJUAN K. ADDY whose telephone number is (571)272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

19. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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20. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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